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SUBJECT: FRANCE ANNOUNCES NEW EXPLORATORY INITIATIVE  
IN LEBANESE CRISIS

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AT END OF REGULAR WEDNESDAY CABINET MEETING, FRENCH

FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TOLD THE PRESS THAT GOF  
ENVISAGES A NEW EXPLORATORY INITIATIVE IN THE LEBANESE  
CRISIS. AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE QUOTED SAUVAGNARGUES AS  
FOLLOWS:

"I EXPRESSED FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONCERNS IN VIEW OF THE  
NEW THRESHOLD CROSSED IN THE DETERIORATION OF THE  
SITUATION IN LEBANON. I BELIEVE THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS  
NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD AND  
LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANGIE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS CHARGED  
ME WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXPLORING THE POSSIBILI-  
TIES FOR ACTION IN THE EVENT THAT ACTIONS CURRENTLY  
UNDERWAY ARE NOT RPT NOT SUCCESSFUL.

"NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL AND VERY  
ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES, AND I WOULD  
EVEN SAY, THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IF  
FRANCE DOES ANYTHING IN LEBANON, SHE WILL DO IT AS A  
POWER HISTORICALLY LINKED TO THE INTEGRITY AND  
SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON AS WELL AS TO THE COOPERATION  
AND TOLERANCE AMONG THE COMMUNITIES, RESPECTED BY BOTH  
THE ARABS AND BY THE CHRISTIANS. EFFECTIVELY, WE HAVE  
A MORAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP TO LEBANON WHICH  
MIGHT BE PUT TO USE IN THE SEARCH FOR A POLITICAL  
SOLUTION. WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO GET PRESTIGE OUT OF  
THIS MATTER, BUT WE CANNOT RESIGN OURSELVES TO STAND  
IDLY BY WHILE THAT COUNTRY SPLITS UP, OR TEARS ITSELF  
APART FROM THE INSIDE.  
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